

International Society of Nephrology

ISN Sponsorship of Meetings

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, workshops, and conferences held independently of the International Congress of Nephrology to apply to hold these meetings under the auspices of ISN.

In general, such an arrangement does not include an offer of financial support on the part of ISN. In special cases, however, the Society may be able to offer seed money.

Organizers who wish to apply to hold their meetings under the auspices of the Society should include the following information in their applications:

1. Topic and purpose of meeting.
2. Location and date of meeting.
3. Names of members of scientific organizing committee.
4. Names of co-sponsors and sources of financial support.
5. Names and topics of invited speakers.
6. Statement regarding whether or not free communications will be sought.

Applications will not be accepted from organizers of regularly, or routinely, scheduled regional, national, or international meetings.

Applicants should be submitted to Dr. Claude Amiel, Secretary General, ISN, Département de Physiologie, 16, rue Henri Huchard, 75018 Paris, France.

Publications and announcements of meetings held under ISN's auspices should include the statement of acknowledgment: "... was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

Membership

Any member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for proposal to membership in the International Society of Nephrology and receipt of the Society's official Journal, *Kidney International*. A subscription to *Kidney International* (including all Supplements) for calendar year 1991 is included in the annual 1991 dues of US \$100.00. Potential members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. C. Craig Tisher, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, P.O. Box J-231, J. Hillis Miller Health Center, 1600 SW Archer Rd., University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32610, USA. The completed application form must be signed by two sponsors who are current Fellow members of the ISN and then returned to Dr. Tisher along with a check or money order for the first year's dues of \$100.00. (Checks should be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology. Checks from outside the USA can be paid through any United States bank.)

Guidelines for sponsorship of symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops by the International Society of Nephrology

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops to apply to the Society for sponsorship. ISN sponsorship will provide: (1) use of the Society's name as a sponsor or co-sponsor; (2) announcement of the meeting in *Kidney International*, contingent upon the receipt of written information in the Editorial office at least 6 months in advance of the meeting; (3) the possibility of partial financial support. Applications must include the following information: (1) the topic, purpose, location and date(s) of the meeting; (2) the names and titles of the members of the scientific organizing committee; (3) a list of all co-sponsoring institutions, if any, and sources of financial support; (4) the total revenue and expense budget for the proposed meeting, by major category; (5) the names and institutions of origin of all invited speakers, and their topics; (6) a statement as to whether manuscripts will be solicited from invited speakers, or free communications sought from others; (7) an expression of willingness to include the following acknowledgment on all publications: "... was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

These guidelines do not apply to satellite symposia to be held in close proximity to a triennial Congress. Furthermore, the ISN will not sponsor or co-sponsor any regularly scheduled or routine international, national, or regional meeting, nor will it co-sponsor postgraduate courses with other international societies or groups.

Applications for sponsorship must be submitted directly to Dr. Roscoe R. Robinson, President, International Society of Nephrology, D-3300 Medical Center North, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, 21st Avenue South at Garland, Nashville, Tennessee 37232, USA.

Supplements to Kidney International

Limited funds are available for the partial financial support of the direct cost of publication of the proceedings of meetings to be published as Supplements to *Kidney International*. Individual awards cannot exceed US \$5,000. Application must be made to the Editor; it must include the date and place of the proposed meeting, a list of other sponsors, a final program (including speakers), an estimate of the number and length of manuscripts, and an expression of willingness to participate in the editorial process, including the submission of manuscripts to a modified form of peer review.

ISN Archive

Dr. Carl Gottschalk has accepted the responsibility to establish an Archive of the International Society of Nephrology. The Archive will consist of photographs, announcements, activities, and names of Council Members and Officers of the Society.

Relevant information, documents, or photographs that are pertinent to the development and evolution of the ISN will be assembled in the Archive.

Members of the ISN or other readers of *Kidney International* having such material are requested to forward it to Dr. Gottschalk at the following address: Carl W. Gottschalk, M.D., Department of Medicine 226-H, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514 USA.

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The Nahariya Conference on Calcium and Calcium Related Diseases has been postponed to a future date, as yet undecided. This decision has been taken by the organizers, unfortunately, because of the present political situation prevailing in the area. The new date will be announced as soon as possible. For further information, contact Dr. Tamar Shklonik, Head of Clinical and Research Laboratories, Nahariya Regional Hospital, Nahariya 22100, Israel.

Homer W. Smith Professorship. A visiting professorship has been established at New York University School of Medicine to honor the memory of Homer W. Smith, Chair of Physiology from 1928–1961, a leading figure in renal physiology and a seminal writer on diverse topics relating to science and society. The first Homer W. Smith Professor is Ilya Prigogine of the Free University in Brussels and the University of Texas in Austin. Professor Prigogine was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1977 for his work on dissipative structures far from equilibrium, which has far-reaching implications for biological systems and processes, notably morphogenesis and evolution.

Professor Prigogine will deliver the inaugural lecture at New York University School of Medicine on Thursday, May 2, 1991 at 4:00 P.M. His topic will be: “*Theoretical Physics and Biology: An Everlasting Dialogue*”. Professor Prigogine will deliver a second lecture to the university community on Friday, May 3. The title of this lecture will be: “*Time, Dynamics and Chaos—An Alternative Formulation of Classical and Quantum Dynamics*.” For more information, please telephone Mary Clarke: (212) 263-5415.

The 1991 Necker Seminars in Nephrology will be held on May 13–15, 1991 at Necker Hospital in Paris, France. The annual Tuesday symposium will be “Genetic Factors in Renal Diseases.” For further information and a copy of the program, contact Doreen Broneer, Département de Néphrologie, Hôpital Necker, 161 Rue de Sèvres, 75743 Paris Cedex 15, France. Telephone: 33.1.42.73.85.63/FAX: 33.1.42.73.80.04.

The Fourth International Course on Peritoneal Dialysis will be held on May 21–24, 1991 in Vicenza, Italy. It is officially sponsored by the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis. English will be the official language, but there will be simultaneous translations of English-Italian provided. For further information, contact Dr. M. Feriani, Department of Nephrology, St. Bortolo Hospital U.L.S.S. 8, 36100 Vicenza, Italy. Telephone: 444-993650; FAX 444-920693.

The International Conference on Acid-Base Balance: Molecular, Cellular, and Clinical Aspects will be held in Capri, Italy on June 3–5, 1991. The meeting has been planned to provide an opportunity for interaction between basic scientists and clinicians. Topics will include molecular biology of acid-base transporters; the role of kidney, liver, stomach, intestine, lungs, and

bone in providing acid-base regulation; work-up of patients with acid-base disorders; new diagnostic procedures; problems of acid-base regulation in renal failure and dialysis. For further information, contact Natale G. De Santo, M.D. of Giovambattista Capasso, M.D., Chair of Nephrology, Building 17, Policlinico via Pansini 5, Naples, Italy. Telephone (x39) 81/7466650, 6651 or 6652; FAX (x39) 81/5451278.

Forefronts in Nephrology

Biology of the Glomerular Mesangium, a symposium sponsored by the International Society of Nephrology, will be held on June 9–12, 1991 in Kloster Banz, near Erlangen-Nürnberg, F.R. Germany. Topics will include: mesangial cell growth control by paracrine and autocrine mechanisms, mesangial cell-inflammatory cell interactions, and mesangial extracellular matrix and cell-matrix interactions. There will be poster sessions in addition to invited lectures. Attendance is limited to 80, with priority for acceptance given to young investigators working in cell and molecular biology of the glomerulus. To apply for attendance and travel awards and young researchers, send a curriculum vitae with a brief cover letter indicating your present interest and activity in this field of research to R. Bernd Sterzel, Department Medicine IV, University Erlangen-Nürnberg, Konsumgarten 14-18, 8500 Nürnberg 80, Federal Republic of Germany. FAX: 911/26 73 14; Telephone: 911/398 27 02.

The VI Portuguese Congress of Nephrology will be held in Lisbon on June 11–13, 1991. For further information, contact the Congress Secretariat: Pedro Ponce, M.D., Hospital Santa Cruz, Nephrology Department, 2795 Carnaxide, Portugal.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the International Society of Blood Purification will be held June 14–16, 1991 in Nagoya, Japan. Topics of discussion will include: hemodialysis, hemodiafiltration, hemofiltration, peritoneal dialysis, plasmapheresis and all therapeutic approaches or technology involved in extracorporeal blood circulation and problems of autoblood transfusion, and related to blood banking. For further information, contact Dr. Saito, The Bio-Dynamics Research Institute of the Shinseikai Foundation, 1-3-2, Tamamizu-cho, Mizuho-ku, Nagoya-shi, 467, Japan. Telephone: 052-832-8411; FAX: 052-833-4966.

The International Symposium on Aldosterone will be held at Fontevault Abbey, Saumur, France on June 24–26, 1991. The meeting will be under the auspices of INSERM, and of the International Society of Nephrology, and sponsored by Searle Foundation for hypertension research. Topics will include all aspects of aldosterone action: molecular biology, biochemistry, cell biology and physiology, transport studies. The symposium will be in honor of Dr I.S. Edelman. The program will consist of invited international experts and poster presentations. Attendance is limited to 100. For further information contact Dr J.P. Bonvalet, INSERM-U 246, Dépt. Biologie, SBCe, CEN Saclay, 91191 Gif/Yvette, France (Fax: (33) (1) 69.08.80.46).

The Second International Congress on Amino Acids and Analogues will be held on August 5–9, 1991 in Vienna, Austria. Topics will include: analysis, separation, synthesis, biosynthesis, nutrition, cross-linking amino acids, updating of tryptophan, amino acids and the immune system (including AIDS), sports medicine, racemization, methylation of amino acids, roles for arginine, neurochemistry (excitatory amino acids, food chem-